

# FAQ

## **What are the age requirements for participation in a Fiesta Marathon event?**

The Fiesta Marathon has adopted the following age participation policies by event distance: 16 and older for the marathon; No restrictions on the half marathon and 5K and, Grade K to 6 for the Kids Fun Run. All youth race participants under the age of 18 must have parent or guardian's signed authorization on the official event application & waiver.

## **May I register on race day?**

No. There is no race day registration or packet pick-up for the TXU Energy Fiesta Marathon, Michelob Ultra Half Marathon or South Texas Vo. Tech 5K Race/Walk. Final registration and packet pickup is on Saturday Dec. 11 at the McAllen Convention Center at Expressway 83 and Ware Rd.

## **May I switch my registration from one race to another?**

Yes, as long as you do so at the EXPO. A \$10 administrative fee plus the additional cost for the event, if applicable, is charged to participants who wish to switch to another event. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

## **Can a friend pick up my packet for me?**

Yes. Your friend will need to bring a hard copy of your final confirmation with your signature in order to retrieve your packet. Your friend must show his or her state-issued photo ID in order to pick up your packet.

## **I am entered in the race but recently incurred an injury and will be unable to compete. Can I defer my participation to next year?**

No. We do not offer deferments or refunds.

## **Do I need a qualifying time to enter the TXU Energy Marathon?**

No but you must be 16 years of age or older.

## **Is the TXU Energy Marathon a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon?**

Yes. The Certification number is TX10003WG which can be viewed on the USAT&F web site. All the other TXU Energy Marathon races are also certified.

## **Are there Team Relays?**

Yes. There is a five person marathon relay with 14 divisions.

## **Is the Marathon walker-friendly?**

Yes. The TXU Energy Marathon is open to all competitors, with few restrictions. Please note that all participants must maintain a 16-minute per mile pace throughout the course for a finish in 7 hours or less. In addition, if you have not maintained this pace to the water station on the return route of the bike path at Tamarack and Bicentennial you will be directed east to return on the half marathon route. This is 8.9 miles or 2 hours and 22 minutes race time.

**I do not have a bib number. Can I run the race as an unofficial entrant?**

No. Race amenities provided along the course, including medical assistance, fluid replenishment stations and traffic safety concerns are based on the exact number of officially-entered competitors. Any addition to this number by way of unofficial participants will adversely affect the races.

**What are the locations for the port-a-johns?**

Port-a-johns will be located at each relay exchange point on the course. These are 5.0 miles, 9.8 miles, 15 miles and 20.1 miles. The McAllen Convention Center facilities will be open for the events.

**What are the types and where are the locations for the replacement fluids?**

Water and Gatorade stations are set up throughout the length of the course. Fluids will be supplied at race start and finish and the following locations:

- Galveston and 27th Street outbound - Mile 2.6
- 17<sup>th</sup> and Beaumont - Mile 4.4
- 1<sup>st</sup> relay exchange at Archer Park (Beach & Main St) - Mile 5.0
- Tamarack and the Bicentennial bike path outbound - Mile 6.5
- Tamarack and the Bicentennial bike path returning - Mile 8.9
- 2<sup>nd</sup> relay exchange at Lincoln Middle School (27<sup>th</sup> & Pecan) - Mile 9.8
- Entrance to McAuliffe Elementary School Park (Daffodil & 29<sup>th</sup>) - Mile 11.1
- De Leon Sports Complex at 29<sup>th</sup> and Nolana outbound - Mile 12.5
- 29<sup>th</sup> and Lark outbound - Mile 13.5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> relay exchange at Fossum School (Trenton & Ware Rd) - Mile 15.0
- 29<sup>th</sup> and Lark returning - Mile 16.8
- De Leon Sports Complex at 29<sup>th</sup> and Nolana returning- Mile 18.1
- Exit from McAuliffe Elementary School Park (Daffodil & 29<sup>th</sup>) - Mile 19.5
- 4<sup>th</sup> relay exchange at Lincoln Middle School returning (27<sup>th</sup> & Pecan) - Mile 20.6
- Tamarack and the Bicentennial bike path returning - Mile 21.8
- Archer Park at Beach and Main St - Mile 23.3
- Galveston and 27th Street returning – Mile 25.0

**What is the average Temp at Start Time?**

Approximately 55°F at start time and at the finish about 70°F

**Can I use a baby jogger, roller blades, scooter or bike?**

No. These items are all strictly prohibited from the race course. The only exception is that baby joggers are permitted in the 5K walk but must start at the back.

**What are the different divisions of the TXU Energy Fiesta Marathon that receive awards?**

Please check the page for your specific race on this website for specific award and prize information.

**How long will the finish be open?**

The finish will be open for 7 hours.

**How can I review results at the end of the race?**

The race results will be posted online 24 hours from the time of the final finisher.

**Can I use headphones or earbuds?**

The rule prohibiting headphones is no longer enforced by USATF; however, the TXU Energy Fiesta Marathon recommends you do not wear them during the race. Runner safety is always our topmost concern.

**Is there late check-out at the hotels?**

Many hotels in McAllen offer special rates for the Marathon weekend, but each has its own policies on check-in/check-out times. Please check with your hotel.

**Can you recommend a good restaurant?**

The TXU Energy Fiesta Marathon has a special runner's pasta party on Saturday, December 11 at the IMAS International Museum of Art & Science, 1900 W Nolana, but tickets sell out quickly. If you are unable to get a ticket, you can find information on many of McAllen's fine restaurants at [link to McAllen Visitors page on net.](#)

**I am not running but want to know some information about watching the race.**

For the start of the marathon and half marathon and all of the 5K and children's run the best location is the northwest corner of Ithaca and Convention Center Blvd. Another good choice for the marathon and half marathon would be at Bicentennial and Tamarack. This is the beginning and end of an out (mile 6.5) and back (mile 8.9) loop on the bike trail. The marathon returns to this point at mile 21.8.